A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021, AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the United States Congress designated August 26<sup>th</sup> as Women's Equality Day in 1973 to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, this designation was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women which had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's civil right convention in Seneca Falls, New York; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment but also brings awareness to women's continuing efforts toward full equality; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman recognizes that women play a vital role in every aspect of community life in the City of Norman, including, but not limited to, government, employment, education, medicine, business, law, religion, sports, entertainment, family life, and the arts; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman celebrates the sacrifices and accomplishments of the suffragists and civil rights leaders of the past while still recognizing the ongoing challenges in providing women with equal opportunities in education, employment, entertainment, sports, and other aspects of society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 6. Do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 26, 2021, as Women's Equality Day in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the contributions and accomplishments of women in our community while continuing to strive towards full

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of August, 2021.

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Mayor

City Clerk

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